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Clear Communication with Email

It seems **everybody** uses email to communicate...for business and for personal reasons. Just last week I was instructed on a wedding invitation I received to send an email for the RSVP. As public librarians, we help people set up email accounts, open attachments, and conduct all sorts of business on our library networks. Here are a few tips for using email effectively.

- Start with the subject line. Do not send messages without a subject line. Many people immediately delete messages without one.
- Use proper grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and abbreviations in email correspondence. (Using all capital letters makes the email difficult to read.)
- Be careful with sarcasm and humor. Without facial cues, your joke may be viewed as criticism.
- Spell-check every message.
- Prepare and use an automatic signature. Your professional signature should include your name and email address, as well as your title, office address, and telephone number.
- Email messages are not a secure form of communication. Never use email to send confidential data such as your bank account number, your birthdate, your Social Security number, and/or your driver's license number.
- Think twice before using the "Reply All" button. Does everyone on the original email need to see your reply?
- Do NOT click on links within messages that look strange or are from people or companies you don't know. Legitimate companies do not ask for personal or financial information via email.
- Attachments can be particularly dangerous to your network. Only open attachments from trusted sources, only when they make sense, and are expected.

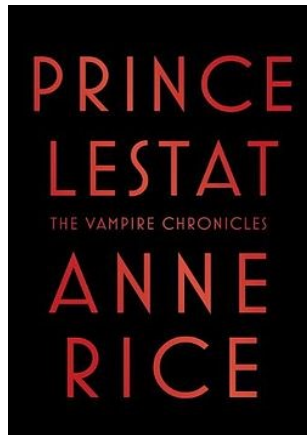
So the next time a patron asks for help with email, make sure he or she understands how it works and what could go wrong.



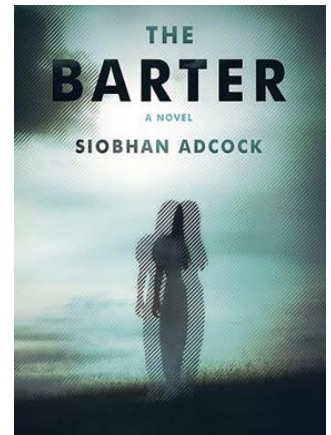
BOOks to Keep You Up All Night

In the mood for some spine-tingling thrills? Here are four extra-creepy horror novels just in time for Halloween.

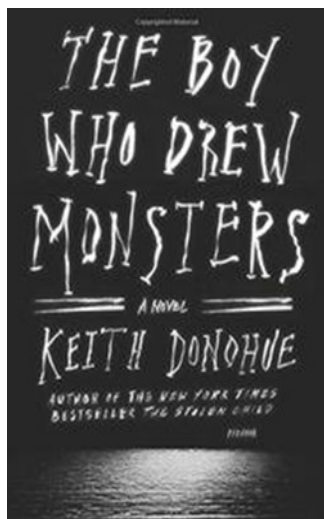
Prince Lestat, the 11th novel in the Vampire Chronicles series, is Anne Rice's comeback to the vampire mythology genre.



Siobhan Adcock's creepy debut, *The Barter*, is a good, old-fashioned ghost story that will make you jump when your walls creak.



Keith Donohue's *The Boy Who Drew Monsters* has all the ingredients of a classic horror novel: an isolated town, a young boy paralyzed by agoraphobia and a home that transforms itself from a dream into a nightmare.



In traditional vampire tales, superhuman creatures lust for the blood of ordinary mortals. Chase Novak's *Brood* reverses this formula. In 21st-century New York, affluent thrill-seekers pay big bucks to drink the blood of teenage mutants.



Note: Denise does not read scary books, so these are not personal recommendations.

Titles were found in the October 2014 edition of *Book Page* magazine.

Young Readers Invited to Write to Favorite Authors



Young readers in grades 4-12 are invited to write a personal letter to an author for the Letters about Literature (LAL) contest, a national reading and writing promotion program. The letter can be to any author (living or dead) from any genre-fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic—explaining how that author's work changed the student's view of the world. This reading and writing promotion is sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with the Nebraska Center for the Book and Nebraska Library Commission, and locally supported by Houchen Bindery Ltd.

Prizes will be awarded on both the state and national levels. The Nebraska Center for the Book's panel of judges will select the top letter writers in the state, to be honored in a proclamation-signing ceremony at the state capitol during National Library Week in April 2015. Their winning letters will be placed in the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors at Bennett Martin Public Library in Lincoln. Nebraska winners will receive state prizes, and then advance to the national judging.

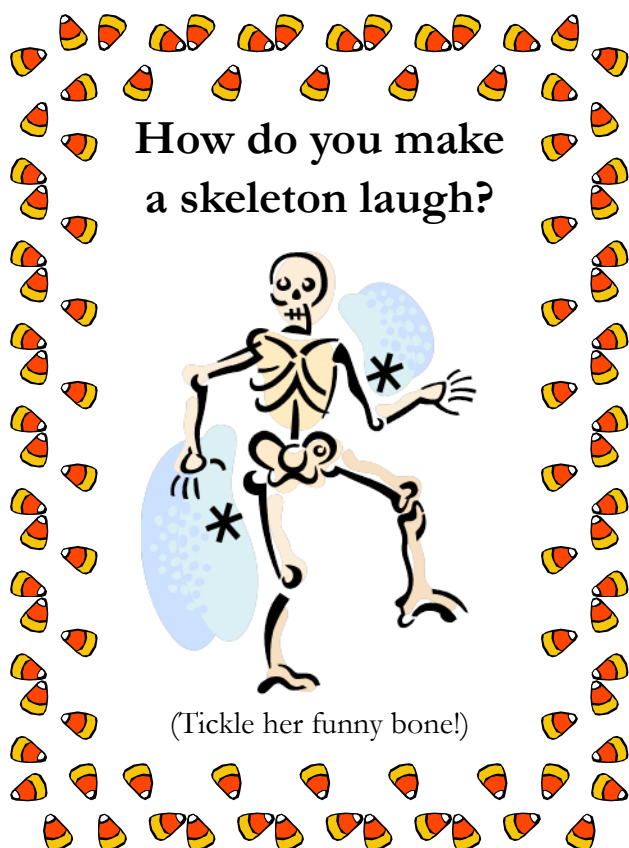
A panel of national judges for the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress will select one National Winner per competition level (Level I for grades 4-6, Level II for grades 7-8, and Level III for grades 9-12) to receive a \$1,000 cash award, to be announced in May 2015. The judges will also select one National Honor winner on each competition level to receive a \$200 cash award.

Teachers, librarians, and parents can download free teaching materials on reader response and reflective writing, along with contest details and entry forms, at www.read.gov/letters.

Nebraska-specific information (including lists of Nebraska winners of past contests) is available at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/LAL.html>.

Submissions from Grades 9-12 must be postmarked by December 15, 2014. Submissions from Grades 4-8 must be postmarked by January 15, 2015.





Save the Date



Attention: Libraries that will be Accredited in 2015

Richard Miller and Denise Harders will be conducting a Strategic Planning Workshop at the Holdrege Area Public Library on Thursday, **January 15, 2015**. A Strategic Plan is a requirement for Public Library Accreditation. This workshop is for library directors, library board members, and interested community members. There is no charge and participants will earn Continuing Education credits.

Stain Solutions

The Library is such a clean, quiet place to work...right?? Anyone that has actually worked in any type of library knows that is not true. Getting stains out should be in every librarian's job description. Stain Solutions is a handy website developed by Susan Taylor at the University of Illinois Extension. The site is a database of dozens of common stains and the solutions to remove them. Click on a stain in the chart and you will be taken to a list of the ingredients needed to make a solution that will remove your chosen stain. Directions and warnings are provided along with the solutions.

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/stain/index.cfm>





Book Blogs

Many online resources review and comment on new books and literature. Some cover all types of books; others specialize in children's or young adult literature, while others are eclectic. Here are some interesting sites.



Awful Library Books (<http://awfullibrarybooks.net/>)

This is a hilarious blog dedicated to hopelessly out-of-date or cluelessly inappropriate books found in real public libraries. Mary Kelly and Holly Hibner are public librarians in Michigan who have worked together since 1999. It is fun to see what has been missed during weeding projects. How about *What to Do When the Russians Come* (1985)?

The Book Smugglers (<http://thebooksmugglers.com/>)

Thea James and Ana Grilo comment jointly on romance, gothic, fantasy, and sci-fi titles, with summaries of their favorite TV shows mixed in.

Guys Lit Wire (<http://guyslitwire.blogspot.com/>)

This blog is a group effort by librarians and writers who review books for teenage boys. It's not all explosions and thrillers; they include many thoughtful titles.

Top 10 Romance Fiction: 2014



A Beauty So Rare.
By Tamera Alexander.

The Beekeeper's Ball.
By Susan Wiggs.

Evening Stars.
By Susan Mallery.

Hell for Leather.
By Julie Ann Walker.



Heroes Are My Weakness.
By Susan Elizabeth Phillips.

How to Handle a Cowboy.
By Joanne Kennedy.

The Pelican Bride.
By Beth White.

River Road.
By Jayne Ann Krentz.



Three Weeks with Lady X.
By Eloisa James.

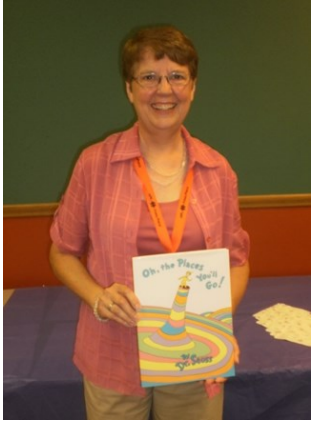
What a Duke Dares.
By Anna Campbell.

Seaman, Donna. "Top 10 Romance Fiction." *Booklist* 15 Sept. 2014: 43. Print

See the full article at: <http://www.booklistonline.com/Top-10-Romance-Fiction-2014-Donna-Seaman/pid=7006915>.

RVLS NEWS

Reception Honors Kathy Schultz



Kathy Schultz, Children's Librarian for Hastings Public Library in Hastings, NE, retired on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2104. Kathy has spent the last 26 years providing top quality children's programming including story times for various ages and Summer Reading activities.

Kathy has also been active in Nebraska's Golden Sower program for many years.

Record-Breaking Month



Hildreth Public Library had a record-breaking 1,352 visits during the month of July! The previous record was just under 900 patrons in a month. When you consider that this is a town of less than 400 and that the library is open 26 hours per week, that is a LOT of traffic!

Congratulations to the Hildreth Library Board and to Librarian Vicki Casper.

More Information, More Often

The RVLS Board has approved a plan to provide System Members with six *ValleyTalk* newsletters per year. In the past we published four newsletters in print format. In order to provide better service, we are going to alternate between print and online newsletters. Three will be in print and three will be posted to the RVLS website and also distributed through the RVLS email list. To make sure you don't miss out on vital information, sign up for the RVLS email list on the Nebraska Library Commission's webpage.

Library Addition Progressing in Red Cloud

Auld Public Library in Red Cloud is nearing the completion of the addition that has been years in the making. Once completed, the library will have an elevator, an accessible restroom on both floors, a community meeting room, and a kitchen, in addition to more space for materials.

This picture shows the north side of the library which will have a beautiful entrance on the ground level. Patrons will be able to use either the stairs or the elevator to access the basement meeting room and the main floor of the library. The architect and builders have worked hard to use materials that match the original structure of the library. The bricks and windows are a *really* close match.

Library Director, Terri Eberly, plans to open the new addition in November. Watch the RVLS website for the exact date.



A LOT of wisdom can be found at the North Platte Public Library!

On Wednesday, August 20, 2014, they celebrated four employees who have 30 years of service working at the North Platte Public Library. Of the eighteen employees who currently work at the library, six have 30 or more years of service, four have more than 15 years of service, and two have more than 10 years. The North Platte community is so fortunate to have such wonderful, long-term employees helping library patrons.....**Congratulations!**



Back Row: Levaun Bever, Mitzi Mueller, Sharon Lohofener.
Front Row: Dianne Jensen, Cheryl Roblyer.
Not Pictured: Brenda Anderson

Central Plains Library System

The reconfiguration of the Nebraska Regional Library Systems is underway. Although it has been “puzzling” at times, the current six Systems will become four on January 1, 2015. See the map at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/systems/RegionalSystems5162014.pdf>

The Transition Team for the central region has selected **Central Plains Library System** for our new name.

If you have questions or concerns about this change, please contact the RVLS Office at 800-569-4961.

WORD SEARCH

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COUNTIES
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REORGANIZATION
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SYSTEMS

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Mark Your Calendar



October 6	RVLS Grants Awarded
October 8-10	NLA/NSLA Annual Conference, South Sioux City
October 13	Columbus Day (observed)—RVLS Office Closed
October 15	Technology for Librarians 101, North Platte
October 17	Staying Connected with Broadband, North Platte
October 20-31	Basic Skills—Collection Management
October 24	Technology for Librarians 101, Kearney
October 29	Staying Connected with Broadband, York
November 3-14	Basic Skills—Readers Advisory
November 4	Youth Grants for Excellence Awarded
November 5	Technology for Librarians 101, North Platte
November 7	RVLS Board Meeting, Holdrege Area Public Library
November 11	Veterans Day—RVLS Office Closed
November 21	Technology for Librarians 101, Kearney
November 21	State Advisory Council for Libraries, Lincoln
November 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday—RVLS Office Closed
December 1-12	Basic Skills—Library Finance
January 1, 2015	Nebraska Regional Library Systems change to 4 regions



2014 RVLS Board Meeting

November 7, 2014—Holdrege Area Public Library
604 East Ave
Holdrege, NE 68949



New Journal Article Request Service

Sign up today for the new RVLS Digital Article Request service. This service will allow you to request relevant articles from your favorite professional journals via email.

Here is how it works:

Table of Contents of each new edition of a professional journal is scanned and sent by email to participants.

Participants select articles they would like to read.

Articles are scanned and emailed to the members that have requested them.

No more waiting for professional periodicals to arrive in the mail! No more postage to mail the journals to the next library in line! This new service will allow you to read the articles you want when you want them.

If you are already signed up for the traditional journal routing service, you will soon receive an email with the Table of Contents attached. Email your article requests to rvlsasst@inebraska.com.

Please allow up to five business days for your article to arrive in your email box.

If you do not currently receive routed professional journals, select titles from the list at <http://libraries.ne.gov/rvls/professional-collection-periodicals/> and email Kay at rvlsasst@inebraska.com.

Disc Cleaning and Repair

- From July 1, 2014, thru June 30, 2015 each RVLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings.
- If you have more than 10 discs that need fixing, you may send them to us and we will repair them and send them back with an invoice for 50 cents per disc.
- If you come to the RVLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 35 cents per disc.



A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!

The RTI ECO Auto-Smart is amazing! It will repair almost all scratches, no matter how deep. However, if the disc is cracked, we cannot fix it.



Teaching Internet Safety

Children can visit PBS Kids to get a “Web License.” Go to http://pbskids.org/old_license for a simple online game. Topics include being nice, meeting people, downloading, passwords, privacy, cookies, surfing, and more. This is a great way for beginners to learn about the web.

Join the First Look Book Club

Random House and DearReader.com have joined forces to bring daily excerpts from just published books to your email. This club is perfect to share with patrons, as an ideal reader’s advisory tool, and as a great way to dip into some of the best new books.

Go to <http://www.librarywebservices.com/firstlook/> to sign up for your free account.

From: *The VOICE for America’s Libraries*, Sept.-Oct. 2014

first look
book club



Five Little Leaves

Add a finger play to your fall story time.

Five little leaves so bright and gay, *(hold up 5 fingers)*
 Were dancing on a tree one day. *(wiggle fingers)*
 The wind came blowing through the town,
(hold hands around mouth and blow)
 One leaf came tumbling down. *(roll hands downward)*

Repeat the rhyme with 4 leaves, 3 leaves, 2 leaves and 1 leaf.

Library Policy Samples

Looking for a sample policy on ethics, censorship, electronic resources, meeting rooms, or another issue? Check out the Library Trustees Association of New York State’s policy database.

Go to:

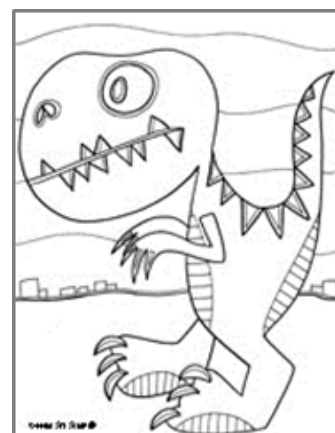
<http://www.librarytrustees.org/policies.php>
 to search for policies by topic, keyword, or library type. These policies have all been voluntarily shared by libraries throughout New York.

From: *The VOICE for America’s Libraries*, Sept.-Oct. 2014

My New Favorite Website for Coloring Pages

<http://www.doodle-art-alley.com/free-animal-coloring-pages.html>

FREE Coloring Pages—This is my new favorite site for coloring pages. Each one has lots of details that make coloring so much fun! Check out the ram, gecko, lion, and ocean scenes. Love these!



Ellison on the Move

Here's the schedule for the Ellison, if you want on the schedule please contact us, or if it is near you, perhaps you could work out something with your neighbor.

Oct. 1, 2014	C. B. Preston Memorial Library, Orleans
Nov. 1, 2014	Southern Valley Schools, Oxford
Dec 1, 2014	Sutton Public Schools, Sutton
Jan. 1, 2015	Wilcox-Hildreth Schools
Feb. 1, 2015	Red Cloud Public Schools
Mar. 1, 2015	Central Community College, Nuckolls Library, Hastings Campus
Apr. 1, 2015	Silver Lake Schools, Bladen / Roseland
May 1, 2015	(Available for you to use)

If you would like to schedule a time for your library to use the Ellison.

Please email us at:

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rvlsadmin@inebraska.com

**Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting
September 5, 2014
Jensen Memorial Library
Minden, Nebraska**

PRESENT: Dixie Codner, Jody Crocker, Annette Eisenhart, Beth Falla, Jane Hilton, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Mo Khamouna, Vicki Perrie, Dana Wade.

ABSENT: Robyn Johnston, Sky Seery.

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Harders (System Director), Richard Miller (NLC Rep), Janene Hill (JML Library Director), Terri Johnson (guest).

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Jody Crocker called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (6.6.14) Dana Wade moved to accept the minutes, Vicki Perrie seconded. The minutes were approved as read.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Denise noted that the budget looks different because it is a six-month budget and because it cannot be cut in half because expenditures don't fall equally throughout the year. RVLS is one-third of the way through the six-month budget (i.e., two months through the six-month period). Utilities are high because we are awaiting E-rate reimbursements. Under "Expenses" there is a credit in the "Disc Cleaning Income" line because we have not yet expended anything for that, but we do have people paying for disc cleaning.

Pat Hughes moved to approve the financial report, Tim Johnson seconded. The financial report was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Sherry Houston sent a thank-you for her attendance at the RVLS annual meeting citing especially the visit to the Frank Lloyd Wright house, and noting that RVLS is the "best System."
- Beth Falla and Lisa Fortkamp sent thanks for the RVLS annual meeting and for the flowers, adding that the food was "too good."
- Lois Hafer from ESU 9 (and a CCC student in Hastings) thanked RVLS for their interview of Denise for a class project. Denise noted that this interview has resulted in her being invited to speak to the school librarians in ESU 9, offering a shortened "Making Space for Maker Spaces" presentation.
- Scott Childers from Southeast Library System sent a thank you for Denise's presentation at the SELS Training Extravaganza at which she did two sessions of the "Weeding is Fun" program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Denise referred to the green sheets in the Board packet with details on what has been going on and on her activities. She also noted the following:

- Denise thanked Janene Hill, library director of Jensen Memorial Library, for hosting today's RVLS Board meeting. She asked Janene to say a few words. Janene noted several recent developments at the library: new shelving now installed; the broken window; work on library policies and procedures, particularly the library's own personnel policies; and examination of the possibility of switching to the Pioneer ILS.
- Denise noted that Shelly Reed is back as director of Sutton Memorial Library.
- Dixie Codner is the new Learning Resource Center Supervisor at Central Community College -- Grand Island.
- By January we will have changed over to the new reconfigured System.
- In Arapahoe Valerie Leising is the new school librarian at Arapahoe-Holbrook High School. She is also the band instructor, and has begun taking classes at UNK for a master's in library science. Under the previous director, also PE teacher, a lot of collection weeding was done, but some clutter remained in the library. Denise and Valerie helped restore order to the place.
- Denise has been helping a number of public libraries with their strategic plans in relation to their seeking accreditation in 2014.

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- Cindee Wagner from Culbertson Public Library is attending the national ARSL conference in Tacoma. (Later in the meeting Dana Wade reported that the bids for the new library came in almost double the estimated cost, so back to the drawing board.)
- There is a lot going on in Hastings with restructuring at the public library. (The library eliminated the assistant director position, so long-time staffer Pam Bohmfalk was out of a job – she now is working for Hastings College library; Kathy Schulz, long-time children's librarian has retired.) Bob Nedderman retired as director at Hastings College's Perkins Library, and Susan Franklin took over as director.
- Marcia Wortman is retiring as director at Klyte Burt Memorial Library in Curtis.

EXTENDING THE SERVICE OF OFFICERS: As an action item Denise proposed that the current Board officers extend their service for six months during the interim period instead of the Board electing new officers (which would normally happen at this meeting).

Jane Hilton moved, and Mo Khamouna seconded that this proposal be approved. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- **NLC Office Technology/CE Grant:** Denise reported that instead of spending this entire grant on office technology or on CE, she split it as approved at the RVLS annual meeting and purchased a Dell Tablet and a small laptop for a total of \$539 through TechSoup. The balance will be spent on attending the NLA/NSLA Conference in South Sioux City in October.
Denise noted that she plans to spend only two nights at the conference since NLA did not approve the Systems' pre-conference proposal to bring a speaker in from Iowa. There was some discussion about mileage to South Sioux City, conference registration costs, etc., and Terri Johnson noted that six staff members from North Platte Public Library plan to attend.
- **RVLS Grants:** Denise described the grants monies that will be distributed by liquidating the CD currently held by RVLS, for providing money for any kind of programming or CE for staff in RVLS libraries. There is \$15,650.90 available. The deadline to submit an application is to be postmarked no later than September 30. Grants will be decided by a drawing after that date.
- **Nebraska Regional Library Systems Reorganization:**
Denise offered details about what has been accomplished so far.
 - ♦ Jody Crocker, Sky Seery, and Jennifer Einspahr met with three representatives from Meridian Library System, as well as Rod Wagner and Richard Miller to compare and harmonize the two sets of by-laws from RVLS and MLS. Not difficult; quite similar.
 - ♦ On August 28th, Denise and Sharon Osenga met with attorney Trev Peterson about the merger. He will give the Systems a "plan of merger." The RVLS 501(c)(3) will remain, and MLS will merge into it. The assets of the MLS will also merge into the new System. In November Denise will bring to the RVLS Board the plan of merger for approval; this would not require a face-to-face meeting. If approved by the Board, a ballot will be sent out by first-class mail to all RVLS member libraries for approval. Several questions/issues were raised on this:
 - ◇ It appeared the Board wishes to meet face-to-face for this approval.
 - ◇ What happens to the member libraries moving to a different System?
(Answer: They vote on this merger as well.)
 - ◇ Does there have to be a certain number of libraries voting for approval for it to be approved?
(Denise and Sharon will clarify with the attorney.)
Note: For ELS and NELs merger, the vote will be taken during the NLA/NSLA Conference in October. According to the attorney, a quorum consists of whoever shows up to that meeting. The vote is viewed as a formality.
 - ◇ The four new Systems will function more as a "statewide service," with any member libraries being able to attend workshops, etc. in any System.
 - ◇ This merged System will have two MLS librarians until October 2017 when Sharon Osenga retires; then it will have one MLS librarian as director.

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- ◇ The RVLS Hastings office will remain open and Kay will remain as assistant; the MLS office will move to smaller quarters.
- ◇ The name of the merged System will be “Central Plains Library System (CPLS) – pending approval from the Nebraska Secretary of State’s office.

NEW BUSINESS

• New System’s Board:

- ◆ Currently MLS has 9 Board members; RVLS has 12 members.
- ◆ The transition team said the merged System should aim for 11 to 15 Board members. The suggestion was to start with 15 and allow the Board to move to 11 members as terms end.
- ◆ MLS goes to 7 Board members soon with terms ending. RVLS goes to 7 members with board terms ending as well. So there will be 7 representatives from each of the current Systems, and the addition of Judy Hagan from one of the new counties. Judy is currently the Board President from NELS.
- ◆ Denise distributed a list of the expected 15 Board members.
- ◆ Everyone appeared to be fine with the list. There was some discussion of how the RVLS Board is more connected than perhaps that of MLS.
- ◆ Denise will contact all the other System Directors to recommend that they share their respective newsletters with new counties moving into other Systems.
- ◆ A good discussion ensued about inviting/taking along the System Administrator to be to meetings – as Denise did when she invited Eric Green from PLS to attend the RVLS annual meeting so that he could talk to member libraries that will be moving into the currently named Panhandle Library System.

• Digital Article Request Service: Denise distributed a handout from SELS entitled, “Enroll In Journal Article Request Service.” She explained how this would work and asked the Board if it is interested in providing this service in RVLS. Several Board members and Richard Miller shared comments, concerns, etc.:

- ◆ Copyright concerns were raised and answered sufficiently.
- ◆ The issue of this information already being available in the statewide databases was raised; timeliness of this service versus the information in the databases (which takes some time to appear) was mentioned.
- ◆ RVLS would continue to route physically *Booklist* even if this service is approved since it would have to copy the entire issue, which is not allowed.
- ◆ Vicki Perrie moved, and Pat Hughes seconded approval of this service for RVLS. It was approved without dissent.

NLC COMMISSIONER’S REPORT : In the absence of Steve Batty, no report was given.

NLC COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Richard Miller reported on the following: Kreutz Bennett Donor Advised Fund Grants for communities with populations below 3,000 (deadline: October 1); the “Friday Reads” columns in the Commission’s blog; Youth Grants for Excellence (deadline: October 1); the book, *I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear’s Journey for Justice*, now available to blind/visually impaired via BARD; two NEH grants (deadlines of September 11, and December 3); Library Performers Database; SBA Disaster Loans; monthly free webinars list; library foundations nation-wide discussion list from United for Libraries; Basic Skills classes through year’s end; upcoming NCompass Live programs; “Throwback Thursdays” column on the Commission’s website, with old photos of libraries; Dollar General Literacy Foundation “The American Dream Starts @your library”; and staffing news at the Commission – Sam Shaw hired as Planning and Data Services Coordinator, and Linda Jensen in Library Development recently married and now named Linda Babcock.

Recorded by Richard Miller

How to Lead a Book Group

Many times your book club members select a title that doesn't come with discussion questions or someone chooses a book that you anticipate will be challenging or difficult to discuss. How can you prepare and what are some tips and tricks for making the group run smoothly and the discussion meaningful?



Hear Vicki Wood, Youth Services Supervisor at Lincoln City Libraries, and Lisa Kelly from the Nebraska Library Commission as they present lessons learned from leading book groups. This session, originally presented on October 1, 2014, can be viewed on the Nebraska Library Commission's website at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ncompasslive/>. Under the list of upcoming *NCompass Live* sessions, click on the link for archived sessions. Click on the link for the session you want to view and learn all about leading book clubs.

Look down the whole list...you may find other sessions that interest you.

Don't forget to turn in your CE credits.



Celebration of Nebraska Books

The Celebration of Nebraska Books will be held November 8, 2014, from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Nebraska Library Commission at 1200 N Street, in downtown Lincoln. This event is free and open to the public and will feature the 2014 One Book One Nebraska book selection, honor winners of the Jane Geske and Nebraska Book Awards and announce the reading selection for the 2015 One Book One Nebraska.

The 2014 Nebraska Book Awards honor authors and publishers of books with a Nebraska connection published in 2013. Featured winning authors will read from their work and sign copies of their books. The 2014 Jane Geske Award will be presented to a Nebraska organization for an exceptional contribution to literacy, books, reading, libraries, or literature in Nebraska.

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A good library will never be too neat, or
too dusty, because somebody will always
be in it, taking books off the shelves and
staying up late reading them.

~Lemony Snicket,
The Ersatz Elevator